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A
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n from MALETRAVIS in
ALIGO, an Island belonging to the
ing of *Spaine*, of a sad Accident that
fell the whole Citie, it consisting of seven
nd thirtie thousand Families, and how they
were destroyed all in one night by a Fog or
Damp that rose upon them, which destroyed
both Men, Women, and Children, except
five persons, which by accident got
downe into a Vault, and so
escaped.

This Relation was sent to a Merchant in this Citie, who lives in *Creed-Church* Parish in *Leaden-hall London*.

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True and terrible Relation from *Maletravis* in *MALIGO*.

THE Sinnes of Man are so great, and cry to the Lord so loud for vengeance upon all Man-kind, that God must bee infinitely merciſull to ſpare us crawling wormes.

O *England*, take thou warning from this Judgement of Gods; look to thy ſelfe, God ſees thy Iniquities, and records thy Tranſgreſſions; and will be

avenged on thee for thy ſinnes; he h
offered thee much of his Mercies, a
hath ſpared thee in the height of t
Rebellion againſt him; beware thi
and repent, and amend thy wicked-
neſſe. Let not the Cuſtome of ſinne
take away the Conſcience of ſinne;
for God hath bent his Bow like an E-
nemie, and ſtands with his right hand
like an Adverſarie, and will ſlay all
that is pleaſant to the eye, and will
poure out his Furie like fire. God
threatens all impenitent ſinners, and
will not ſpare them if they long con-
tinue in their ſinnes: How many years
hath God ſpared this Nation, who hath
lived under the bleſſed meanes of the
Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, when wee have
not brought forth any thing but ſinnes
and miſdeeds, he hath with patience
waited the ſpring and growth of grace
in us, but wee have proved barren and
dry Trees, broken Ceſternes which

have

have held no water? and may not God justly deale with us as with *Sodome* and *Gomorrah*? Nay, with us as with *Maletravis*, consume us with Fire and Brimstone as he did these? Nay, with the least breath of his nosthrills; and if one sinne divided amongst ten thousand be able to damne them all, how shall this Nation ever be able to answer all those abominable sinnes that it hath committed? No sinne but deserves punishment, and man was never punished but for sinning; therefore remember, O *England*, how wilfull thou hast beene in despising the Mercies of God from time to time, he would have gathered thee as a Hen would have gathered her Chickens, and thou would not: Woe to thee *England*, thou hast destroyed thy selfe; if thou deferre thy repentance, God will be sure to be avenged on thee; God will bruise thee with an Iron Rod, and

breake thee in pieces like a Potters Veſſell; But if thou call upon him in the day of trouble, he will have mercy on thee; If thou calleſt on him in the day of trouble he will heare thee, and divert thoſe Judgements which hang over thy head from thee. Had *Sodome* repented, God had not puniſhed; had *Gomorrah* conſidered her Iniquities, God had not deſtroyed her; and had *Maletravis* remembred her Tranſgreſſions, and ſorrowed for them, God had not puniſhed her Iniquites. God hath deſtroyed thoſe Cities and many more for ſin, and undoubtedly will deſtroy thee (*London*) if thou returne not to the Lord thy God with ſpeed, lay hold on thoſe things which concerne thy everlaſting peace and comfort whilſt it is to day, leaſt God take this opportunitie from thee.

Ah, but ſome will ſay, That *Sodome* ſinned againſt God, and in a larger meaſure

meaſure then wee: But O thou miſtaken Soule; compare the ſinnes of *Sodome* and *Gomorrah*, with the ſinnes of *London* and *England*, and ſee whether the ſinnes of *London* were not greater then the ſinnes of *Sodome*; Have wee not carryed our ſelves proudly againſt our God? Deſpiſed his Ordinance? Contemned is Goodneſſe? Abuſed his Patience, and turned our backs upon his Mercies? Have wee not poluted our Land with Blood, Blaſphemie, and Oppreſſion? And may not God as juſtly deſtroy us as hee did them?

Ah, but ſome will ſay, This *Maletravis* were all Papiſts and Idolaters: It is true, they were, ſo much the worſe for us; they worſhipped God with more fervencie of ſpirit in their way then wee, conſidering the meaſure of knowlege they had; God expects no more from a man then what he hath received.

Had the Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt beene ſo purely preached amongſt them as us, undoubtedly they would have brought forth better fruits.

But now to come to the Story, which is both Lamentable and true; It is a great mercie that God hath given us of this Nation, ſo long and large a time of our repentance; God hath ſhewed himſelfe a loving God, a merciſull God, a long-ſuffering God, otherwayes wee had beene conſumed as the ſtubble upon the earth, and have cauſed the earth to open and ſwallow us up, as he did *Korah*, *Dathan*, and *Abiram*. It is not our fighting for Reformation that God is taken with, it muſt be our practicall parts of duty which muſt eſtabliſh us in the favour of our God; It not going twice a day to the Church that will make God in love with us; no, it muſt be a Charitable and Pious Converſation that muſt make

make Gods face to shine upon us; It is not our Fasting-dayes from victualls that will gage God to be reconciled with us; no, it must be a true and lively faith in Christ, and an obstaining from Envie, Oppression, Covetousnesse, Pride, Murder, Drunkennesse, Blasphemie and Prophaneneſſe, which must ingage God to be at peace with us. If any of these sinnes predominate in our Land, wee must looke for the Vialls of Gods Wrath, and be sure to drinke the dregs of his Indignation for them. And now let us turne to the Lord our God with all our hearts and soules, and seeke him whilst it is yet time; which if wee doe, wee may find mercie and acceptance in the sight of our God, and quit our Land from desolation, which will inevitably fall upon us. It is good to take warning by such Judgements, and make our peace with God, that he may turne his wrath from

from us, and take us into his favour. Let us prize these golden opportunities, and not thinke those of *Maletravis* were greater sinners then wee; for assuredly, if wee doe not repent and amend, wee shall all likewise perish. This Storie is unparalell'd, the Judgement of God hath appeared as much upon this poore Citie of *Maletravis*, as upon any wee read on in any History, if we look but at what a sudden God appeared against them, it will make us all tremble to goe to our beds with the guilt of sinne upon us, least God appeare in wrath as upon them. Was it not a Judgement unparalell'd, when above two hundred and fifrie thousand Soules had their lives taken out of the Land of the living in one night, besides all manner of living creatures; as well Horses, Cattell, Sheepe, Dogs, Cats, Rabbets, Mice and Rats? Thus you see, God did not spare the senseless,

leſſe, but deſtroyed them for the ſakes of the ſinnefull.

Once more I ſay, O *England*, conſider the things which belongs to thy happineſſe, and turne to the Lord thy God, for he can as eaſily deſtroy thee as he did this *Maletravis*.

And now to the truth of the Story, I ſhall referre thee to a Letter, ſent by a Merchant in *Maligo*, to a Merchant in *Creed-Church* Pariſh *London*, which here I give you *verbatim*.

SIR,

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UPon the *ſecond day of* September, *God did ſhow the wonderfulleſt Judgement upon the Towne of* Maletravis *that any eares hath heard; for there was not a man, woman, or child, that eſcaped the anger of God: Nay, the verie Cattell, and all the living creatures in the Towne were not exempted from death, five men onely excepted; which feeling the Dampe come ſo violently, got downe into a Vault, which was made from the Cathedrall up to a Nunerie, which is ſome two miles or thereabouts from the Towne: They thinking themſelves in danger, ſeeing the little childrens breath taken from them as they lay at their mothers breſts, got downe, and ſo eſcaped. This Damp or Fog, began at twelve of the clock at night, and continued till betwixt one and two in the morning; In which time were deſtroyed above two hundred and fiftie thouſand Soules, beſides brutts. The next morning, being Market*

Market day, these five men came neere the Citie to see who went in, and whether any were left alive to buy of them; but the Countrey-people comming in, and seeing all the streets lying full of dead men, women, and children, were much astonished, and ran away and left them, with what speed they could; But these five men, seeing them goe in and out with safetie, and without danger, went in, and found all dead, and their owne wives and children lying in the streets and gardens, breathlesse and life-lesse. And when they had seene this sad Spectacle, they went as fast as they could to the Governour of this Countrey, and told him of it, and hee commodiously summoned a Court of Conncell, and they immediately commanded in the Countrey to burie them, and sent a considerable partie of Souldiers to keepe the Countrey from Sacking their houses. This being done, Proclamation was made, That if any one had any kindred in that Towne, they should come and make it appeare by some of the neighbours upon Oath, and then they should goe in and take possession of their deceased Friends Goods. Likewise to Merchants, they were to make Oath, and produce Letters,

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and then they should goe in and receive the like. And then they commanded all the poore to goe in and to be set a worke, at such things as they could doe. Thus have I given you as full a Relation as I can touching the busineſſe, and ſhall remaine,

Sanderſtons.

Deare Sir, your friend and ſervant

RICHARD ADAMS.

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